STAFF COMMENTS FOR PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING DATE: April 19, 2006

AFP-05-013 SITE PLAN:

KENTLANDS CLUBHOUSE TITLE:

AMENDMENT TO FINAL PLAN APPROVAL **REQUEST:**

EXTENSION

485 Tschiffely Square Road ADDRESS:

ZONE: MXD (Mixed Used Density) Zone

APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE/ATTORNEY/DEVELOPER: (as

applicable)

Joseph Coratola, Jr. - Coratola Architectural Studio Applicant -

Owner -Kentlands Citizens Assembly (KCA)

Engineer-Rodgers Consulting

Trudy Schwarz, Community Planning Director **STAFF PERSON:**

Enclosures:

Staff Comments and

Exhibit 1: Location Map

Exhibit 2: Minutes of the April 20, 2005 Planning Commission Meeting

Exhibit 3: Letter requesting extension, dated April 3, 2006, from Joseph Coratola, Jr., Coratola Exhibit 4: Approved Site Plan

Exhibit 5: Approved West Architectural Elevation Exhibit 6: Approved East Architectural Elevation

Exhibit 7: Approved North and South Architectural Elevations

STAFF COMMENTS

This is a request to extend the approval of Amendment to Final Site Plan (AFP) for the Kentlands Recreation Center, also known as the Kentlands Clubhouse and application number AFP-05-013. This is located on the "horseshoe" of Tschiffely Square Road in the Kentlands subdivision, immediately south of Chestertown Street (See Exhibit #1.). The Planning Commission approved the original site plan for this property, K-976, on September 16, 1992. On April 20, 2005 (Exhibit #2), the Planning Commission approved AFP-05-013, a 3,672 square feet to the building by adding a second-story addition of 2,945 square feet and enclosing the existing rear porch to increase the existing meeting room by 727 square feet with the following conditions:

- 1. Applicant is to amend the site plan to show two-way traffic on Tschiffely Square Road and parking on both sides of the street; and
- 2. Applicant is to add the materials list to the architectural drawings.

The applicant submitted drawings (see Exhibits 4 through 7) which complied with the conditions and they were signed on June 14, 2006.

In accordance with §24-173, the applicant has submitted a letter (Exhibit #3) requesting an extension of the final site plan approval for AFP-05-013. Section 24-173 states the following:

Sec. 24-173. Development of property subject to plan.

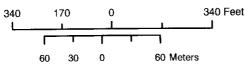
(a) One or more of the uses proposed for land which is the subject of the site development plan shall be established on such land within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the date of approval of the plan or the plan shall become void; provided, that the planning Commission may extend such time upon request filed within such three hundred sixty-five (365) days and may grant further extensions upon request filed within the period of any extension; provided, that the total length of such extensions shall not exceed two (2) years. [Where the site development plan contemplates the construction of one or more new buildings or structures, the use shall be established within the meaning of this section when construction of one or more of such buildings has been commenced.]

The letter for the extension of the subject site plan has been submitted within the 365-day period (April 3, 2006). The Planning Commission may grant an extension for a one-year period. (In the future, the applicant can ask for one more extension.)

Staff recommends **APPROVAL OF THE EXTENSION OF FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL REQUEST** of AFP-05-013, as it conforms with §24-173 with no conditions.

Kentlands Recreational Center

AFP-05-013

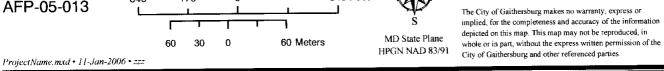


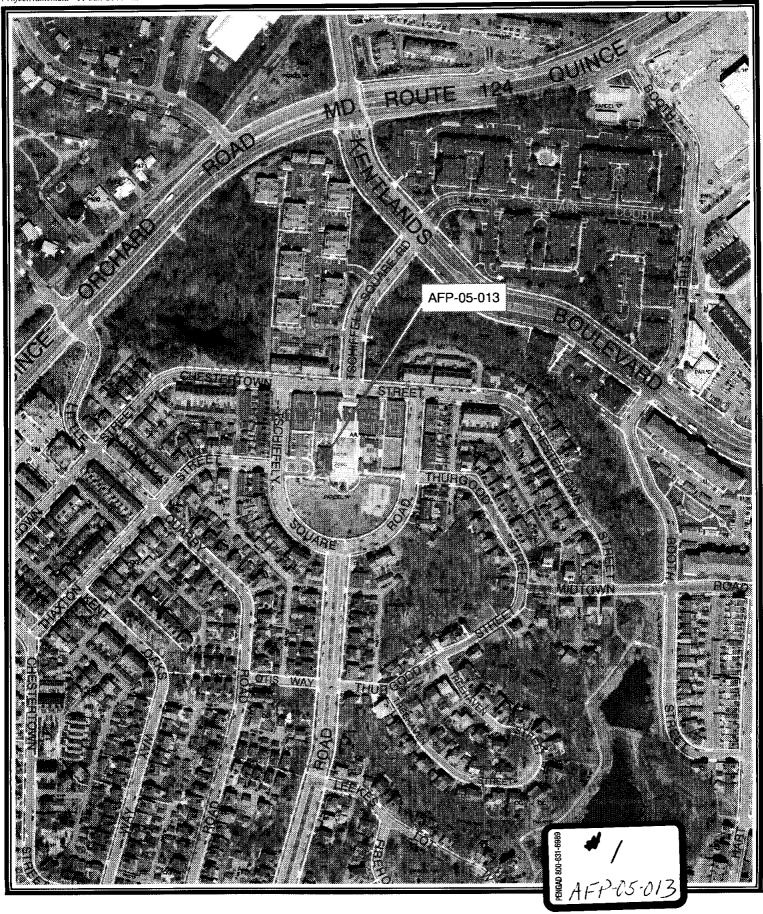


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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APRIL 20, 2005

Chair John Bauer called the meeting to order at 7 30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Vice-Chair Victor Hicks, Commissioners Matthew Hopkins, Lenny Levy and Danny Winborne, Alternate Lloyd Kaufman, City Attorney Cathy Borten, Planning and Code Administration Director Greg Ossont, Community Tanning Director Trudy Schwarz, Staff Assistant Travis Humburg, and Recording Secretary Myriam Gonzalez. Chair Bauer noted that Alternate Kaufman would be observing during the site plan review, since all Commissioners are present.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 6, 2005, Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Levy moved, seconded by Commissioner Winborne, to APPROVE the Minutes of the April 6, 2005, Planning Commission Meeting, as submitted this evening

Vote: 4-0-1 (Abstained Hicks)

II. SITE PLAN

AFP-05-013 -- Kentlands Clubhouse 485 Tschiffely Square Road 3,672-Sq.Ft. 2nd Story Addition and

Enclosure of Existing Porch

AMENDMENT TO FINAL PLAN REVIEW

MXD Zone

18.0

Community Planning Director Schwarz introduced this application and located the site of the subject proposal.

Kentlands Citizens Assembly Board of Trustees Vice-Chair Richard Arkin stated the reason for this proposal is the Clubhouse's inadequate space for the comprehensive social and recreation programs of the Kentlands community, noting that the proposed addition would accommodate the existing membership only He thanked staff for its assistance with this application and voiced the Assembly's agreement to staff's recommended conditions.

Engineer for the applicant, Gary Unterberg, Rodgers Consulting, presented the plan showing the existing building and the proposed addition and noted that the only change to the site plan is the parking calculation resulting from the addition of floor space. He discussed the parking calculation change, noting that now there is a surplus of 53 spaces, rather than the previous 64-space surplus that was established as part of the parking calculations of the original schematic development plan (SDP) approval

Approved minutes are available at www.gaithersburgmd.gov or by mail upon written request.

Architect for the applicant, Joseph Coratola, Jr, Coratola Architectural Studio, presented photographs of the existing building as well as the proposed elevations and discussed the architectural changes resulting from the proposed addition. He also presented the revised floor plans and briefly discussed interior changes. He added that all materials would match those of the existing building. In response to Chair Bauer, Mr. Coratola indicated that low-level lighting would be added at the entrances. He also responded to questions of Commissioner Hopkins regarding bike rack-related issues and commented that the site plan would be revised to reflect the existing locations of the bike rack and pathway leading to it. Commissioner Hopkins suggested covering the bike rack to encourage its use and using environmentally friendly materials for the interior changes.

Mr Unterberg, in response to Chair Bauer, indicated that on-street parking spaces for the Clubhouse are part of the neighborhood parking. He noted that on-street parking within the immediate horseshoe-shaped road includes 54 spaces, and within an expanded 1,000-foot radius there are 176 spaces that are shared with the community. He pointed out that the latter is not included in the parking count for the residential component of the SDP. He also noted there are 16 spaces on site.

Testimony from the public included

Ailene Renzi, 584 Chestertown Street, strongly supported the project. She indicated that most people walk to the site in the summer when most of the programs are in effect and added that the bike rack is not used much, as most people prefer to walk. She stated that very little parking is utilized in winter

Community Planning Director Schwarz stated the plan is in conformance with §24-170, §24-171 and §24-172 with conditions that she listed. She responded to Commissioner Hopkins' comment on covering the bike rack by noting that it may be an economic hardship for the applicant at this time, since the funds for this project have already been allocated, but that it could be considered as part of the applicant's future improvements budget.

The Commission had no further concerns and moved as follows.

Commissioner Levy moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Hicks, to grant AFP-05-013 - Kentlands Clubhouse, AMENDMENT TO FINAL PLAN APPROVAL, with the following conditions:

- Applicant is to amend the site plan to show two-way traffic on Tschiffely Square Road and parking on both sides of the street, existing sidewalks, bike racks, community bulletin board and dumpster; and
- Applicant is to add the materials list to the architectural drawings.

Vote: 5-0

III. FROM HE COMMISSION

Commissioner Winborne

- 1 Requested that the agenda for an upcoming Planning Commission retreat include a discussion of parking calculations.
- 2. Reported a pothole on Muddy Branch Road near its intersection with Water Street.



April 3, 2006

Mr. John Bauer Chairman Planning Commission City of Gaithersburg 31 South Summit Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Re: Site Plan AFP-05-013 Kentlands Recreation Center Lot/Block: AA

485 Tschiffely Square Road

Dear Mr. Bauer,

We are respectfully asking for an extension on the Planning Commission site development approval. We were granted the approval on April 18, 2005.

If there is any additional information that is required please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

oseph J. Coratola Jr. AlA

Cc: Trudy Schwarz, City of Gaithersburg Robert Turner, KCA President

